ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ದೋಷಗಳನ್ನು ನಿವಾರಣೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೇ ನಾನಿರುವುದು, ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಜೆ. ಮುಕ್ಕಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿವಸಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಿ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಅದು ಆಯಾ ವಿಷಯ ವನ್ನವಲಂಬಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಕೃಷ್ಣ.—ಅದರ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಬುಲ್ ಡೋಜರ್ ಕೂಡ ಬಂದು ನಿಂತಿದ್ದುದು ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆಯೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ.

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Workers in the Electro-metallurgical Works at Dandeli, who are affected by a disease which renders them incapable of walking.

*Q.—189. Sri B. P. KADAM (Karwar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that for some years now several workers in the Electro-metallurgical works at Dandeli have been subject to a disease which renders them incapable of walking, and what are the first symptoms of the disease ;

(*b*) the total number of people affected by the above disease during each year from the beginning ;

(*c*) the steps taken by them to give medical aid to the sick persons and to what effect ;

(*d*) the amount given to each sick person as compensation;

(*e*) whether they have investigated into the causes of the disease and if so what is the result of the investigation ;

(*f*) the steps taken by them to prevent the further development of the disease ?

*A.—Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Minister for Labour, Housing & Transport).—

(*a*) Yes. The first symptom of this disease are stated to be a loss of sensation in the extremities, stiffness of the muscles followed later by paralysis, lethargy during the day and sleeplessness at night.

(*b*) The number of persons affected each year by this disease is not known as this disease has not been included in the Schedule of compensable occupational diseases under the Workmen's Compensation Act. However, it has been reported that 140 cases have been certified by the ESI Dispensary.

(*c*) The matter has been taken up by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation who have made necessary arrangements for the treatment of afflicted workers, both indoor and outdoor with specialist advice, whenever necessary. Early cases are treated at the Dandeli Dispensary while advanced cases are admitted in the Karnataka Medical College Hospital, Hubli, where after special investigation, it is expected that some light may be thrown on the "Causation of the disease". The Administrative Medical Officer and the Medical Referee maintain a clinical follow-up of all cases.

(*d*) The management have paid a total sum to Rs. 85,280 compensation for total disablement to 28 workers. The management agreed to pay to other affected workers 50 per cent of the wages while the other 50 per cent was to be borne by the Employees State Insurance Corporation as sickness benefit, to a maximum of 56 days.

(*e*) The organisation of the Chief Adviser, Factories, New Delhi, consisting of a Chemical Analyst, a Physiologist, etc., took up the matter of "Environmental" and "Medical Study", both by way of examining afflicted people and the analysing of air samples to determine manganese content and safety and prevention measures.

(*f*) During his study tour of the Area, the Chief Adviser, Factories, Government of India, has suggested certain changes which have since been implemented by the management. Details of further changes to the furnace and the tapping-bay are being discussed with the Chief Adviser at Bombay.

It is reported that the management with a view to reducing the manganese fumes emanating from the furnace and tapping-bay have made necessary arrangements to import latest machinery from abroad.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—Supplementary to (*a*) : When were the symptoms of the disease traced ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—In 1961.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—May I know the date and the month?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—The date is not readily available, but the date on which the report was received by Government is there.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—Can at least the month be traced?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—The factory was visited by the Minister concerned on the 8th January 1961. It was only during his visit, some workers complained about a disease that was not yet diagnosed. Subsequent to that complaint, an enquiry was instituted and that was headed by the Chief Adviser of Factories, Government of India, with a team. He conducted a survey and report of the survey was received by Government subsequently.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—The workers must have complained of the disease. The date or the month in which they complained must be there in the report.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—It was on the day on which the Minister visited the factory, *i.e.*, on the 8th January 1961.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—Supplementary to (*c*): What are the findings of the investigation?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I will have to read the report.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If it is a lengthy report, it need not be read out.

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL.—What are the working hours in that industry?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I want notice.

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL.—Is there any possibility of reducing the working hours in that industry?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—That will have to be considered in accordance with the Act and the Rules framed under the Act.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—What are the causes of that disease?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—The real causes are yet to be diagnosed, but the symptomatic causes are said to be manganese fume poisoning.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—Who were the experts consulted in the matter?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I have not got the names of the particular individuals, but the team was headed by the Chief Adviser of Factories and he was assisted by the medical officers of our State.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I may furnish the information which I have. There is no particular date on which the disease was known to have been contracted. Their health was failing; their legs became swollen; they could not walk. This is a new disease. There is only one country in Europe which has done some research work on this. In our country, there is no research work done. Compensation has been given to all those who are affected by this. They were taken away from that area and they have been given compensation under the Act as well as some thing more. The factory has now changed its skill. So far as the Central Government and the State Government are concerned, they have put the best medical officers to find out the causes of this disease so that this country may furnish the remedy earlier than other countries.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—The people who had contracted the disease are still loitering there only.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I do not know, but so far as I know everybody has been rehabilitated and that also very handsomely.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಯಾವ ತೊಂದರೆಯೂ ಇಲ್ಲ, ನಾನೇ ಹೋಗಿ ನೋಡಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—May I suggest that if any injustice is done to them, it shall have to be remedied?

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL.—Is it an epidemic disease?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—It is called occupational disease.

Sri SANJEEVANATHA IKALA.—Will the Government take steps to include this in epidemic diseases?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—It is included in the schedule.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—When did the management order the latest machinery?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I have the report before me. I find that the suggestions made by the Chief Factory Adviser have been implemented by the management.

2-00 P.M.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA:—When has the management ordered the new machinery ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Subsequent to the report given by the advisers of the factory.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—May I know whether the machinery has been brought or installed ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—For some machinery, orders have been placed. Some items of repairs suggested in the report have been attended to. If he wants details, I shall read them out.

Mr. SPEAKER.—He may place them on the Table of the House. Question hour is over.

QUESTION FOR ANSWER ON THE DAY

(but not taken up).

Providing of a suitable building for running the Government Primary School at Sedam town.

*Q.—12. Sri J. P. SARWESH (Serum).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the reasons for running a Government Primary School in a tin sheet roofed godown at Sedam town ;

(*b*) whether they are aware of the inconveniences caused to the students and teachers during summer and rainy seasons in running the school in the said godown ;

(*c*) the reasons for not taking steps to provide suitable building for the school in spite of several representations from the public in this behalf ?

*A.—Sri S. R. KANTHI (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) A suitable building in that locality is not available.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The responsibility of constructing Primary School buildings lies on the Taluk Board concerned after securing a suitable site and the contribution in cash due.

DEMANDS FOR EXCESS GRANTS

Presentation.

Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Finance).—Sir, I beg to present the Demands for Grants to cover the expenditure incurred in excess of voted grants and charged appropriations during 1956-57 (1st November 1956 to 31st March 1957) and 1957-58, as required under article 205 (1) of the Constitution of India.

Motion for Election of Members—Committee on Public Accounts.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—Sir, I beg to move :

> " That this Assembly do proceed to elect twelve members to the Committee on Public Accounts in accordance with sub-rule (1) of Rule 251 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly."

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

> " That this Assembly do proceed to elect twelve members to the Committee on Public Accounts in accordance with sub-rule (1) of Rule 251 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly."

The motion was adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The calendar of events for the election is being circulated separately.